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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 12 December 1979

The Director was at his office at EOB; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

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Reacting to a call received from Mr. Carlucci regarding Dr. Brzezinski's concern that a particular item on Soviet military activity in Afghanistan was carried in the NID, Clarke noted concurrent work underway to publicize same via VOA. Mr. Carlucci mentioned Brzezinski's expectation that some items be cleared with him for coverage in the NID and asked Clarke to defer discussion until they meet on the NID. []

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Mr. Carlucci advised Clarke and Hitz that he and the Director were in receipt of a complaint from Deputy Secretary of Defense Graham Claytor regarding OPA's 10 December briefing on the Hill concerning the military threat to Egypt. []

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Mr. Carlucci said that at this morning's SCC meeting CJCS Jones had the facts on the situation in Korea and asked D/OCO Kerr why he and the Director were not informed. Kerr said the message came in "Critic" and was processed by DoD and NSA prior to transmission here. A brief discussion followed on the handling of "Critics" and the possible need for a COS to file an independent staff message. May will review procedures and advise. []

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Mr. Carlucci noted his understanding that Agee's situation was discussed by the Iran legal group yesterday and asked [] to ask Silver for details. McMahon noted his continuing concern that Justice keeps advising us to encourage other countries to take action against Agee rather than providing a legal basis for effective U.S. measures. []

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Lipton briefed in detail on anticipated problems connected with Chairman Burlison's decision to subject the Reserve to annual authorization and prohibiting any carry-over from one year to another. McMahon noted that any reprogramming of DDO resources for activities usually covered by Reserve releases is out of the question. Mr. Carlucci observed that it might be reasonable to write a memo to Dr. Brzezinski on the near depletion of the Reserve and register the anticipated nonavailability of funds for covert action or other contingencies. Hitz noted that we will be briefing Burlison's HPSCI Subcommittee on three Reserve releases on 14 December where some of our concerns can be registered. Proctor and Taylor speculated that, unless the President's support in Congress is obtained, additional funds for the covert action program are unlikely. []

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Hetu said the most recent Covert Action Information Bulletin devotes some attention to the functions of his office in dealing with the media. He also reported the review of Cord Meyer's book has been completed. Twenty-three changes will be suggested to him by PA and OGC when he visits here this afternoon. []

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May said the Director's letter to the Director of GSA, requesting delegation to lease additional space, had precipitated a great deal of activity at GSA. A favorable response has been drafted and is on its way to Admiral Freeman for signature. []

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Zellmer said he will be providing the Director with a suggested response to the SecDef on the impact of [] on SALT monitoring and a paper on [] this afternoon. []

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Mr. Carlucci noted receipt of an employee suggestion that a voluntary day of prayer for hostages in Iran be held at the Agency. A brief discussion followed, and Mr. Carlucci asked May to consider options for such a program and advise. []

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